

# Minutes of Climate Change Champions Meeting Held on Teams Tuesday 16 November 2021, 3.45 – 4.30 pm

#### **Attendees**

Andrea Corley – Bayonne Nursery School
Angela Thompson-Smith – Addison Primary School
Anya Jarmson – Sir John Lillie Primary School
Gemma Farley – Flora Gardens Primary School
Tabby Fraser – Thomas's Academy
Maddy Horne – Flora Gardens Primary School
Nathan Cardwell – Fulham Cross Academy
Gemma Potter – Miles Coverdale Primary School
Victoria Bateson - The Fulham Bilingual Primary School

Apologies: David Fricker – Brackenbury Primary School

## **LA Staff**

Diana Edgecombe (DE) Michele Rebelo (MR) Hannah Lambeth Ann Kenny

#### **AGENDA**

## **Chaired by Diana Edgecombe**

- 1. Welcome and Review Actions from Last Meeting
- 2. School Updates
- 3. LCG Highly Commended News
- 4. DfE Announcement And School Showcase
- 5. Climate Education Guide Updates review
- 6. New and upcoming projects
- 7. AOB

## Item 1. Welcome and Review Actions from last meeting

**Diana Edgecombe** welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Hannah Lambeth to attendees.

All attendees introduced themselves.

**DE** shared the Minutes on screen from the last meeting held on 16.6.21 and advised she would go through any items and actions from last meeting.

Food and Waste Services. For any schools interested in this service, please contact Sara Aweis from H&F who is now leading on the project: <u>Sara.Aweis@lbhf.gov.uk</u>

Schools advised that Ian Hawthorn, Assistant Director- Environment Special Projects, H&F had not been in contact as discussed during last meeting on 16.6.21

**Action: DE** agreed to make contact with lan

## Item 2. School Updates

## **Angela Thompson-Smith - Addison Primary School**

- Reintroduced 'Walk To School' scheme
- During duration of COP26, afternoon lessons were based on climate change.
- Pledges made by pupils i.e. I will turn the tap off, so no water wasted

### Victoria Bateson - Fulham Bilingual

• School had ECO Spirit week. During lead up to COP 26 week each child dressed up in a different colour i.e. to represent ocean or similar.

Action: DE asked if school could share information.

### Anya Jarmson - Sir John Lillie Primary School

 School now has an edible garden with children growing crops and the harvested vegetables being cooked in dining hall so they can consume.

### **Nathan Cardwell - Fulham Cross Academy**

- School held mini COP26 with updates and daily challenges on how we can do better
  e.g. pupils looking at their carbon footprint and assessing at the end of week to see
  how each student managed.
- Lots of interesting things included in curriculum led sessions

## **Item 3. LCG Highly Commended News**.

- MR advised that H&F were advised they had been shortlisted for awards in September
- MR and Jan Parnell were then requested to present to judging panel
- Advised during early November when event was to be held.
- From the 8 entries under 'climate' H&F were awarded Second place and were also Highly Commended.
- Received amazing feedback from judges.

**MR** advised this was all to do with works led by schools and their aim was to elevate the work all our schools doing day to day and really trying to push agenda on climate education. **MR** posted following links in chat:

- Young People At The Heart Of Our Climate Strategy: Please click <u>here</u>
- LCG Awards Celebrate H&Fs Commitment to Climate: Please click here

Future communications will be using the 'Highly Commended' logo. Will be on new LP website.

## **Item 4. DfE Announcement And School Showcase**

There was an announcement during COP26 from the new Education Secretary who spoke about the importance of climate education in schools. He advised it will be on his agenda to have awards for young people and a similar scheme to Duke of Edinburgh Award and climate education is now seen as an essential part of curriculum. Acknowledges and recognises hard work for schools and pupils.

• Education Secretary Puts Climate Change at the Heart of Education: Please click <a href="here">here</a> **DE** advised watch this space.

### Showcase during meetings:

**DE** shared link to H&F Climate Education page. Pease click <u>here</u> and advised that is where we try to have depositary of work .

- Summer in the City
- Mudlarks.
- Education guide with resources listed as well as calendar of climate days.
- Section with climate news for which articles can be written up and added.

Would like to receive articles from schools or at each meeting have one or two schools showcasing their efforts.

In addition, The Climate Unit produces the 'climate connects' newsletter and information is also double posted under climate news.

**DE** welcomed delegates to put any ideas or comments in the chat:

## Tabby Fraser – Thomas's Academy.

School is very interested in being part of 'Greening the Grey' scheme being led by Ian Hawthorne which is reversing the way we look at streets as a transport link from A to

B. Adding green infrastructure. Taking out concrete verges, adding more trees, adding wild flowers.

**Action: DE** to contact and remind Ian and will get back to Tabby

## <u>Item 5. Climate Education Guide Updates – review</u>

**DE** advised she just wanted to give update as currently working on updating climate education guide.

We currently do have a guide that is primary school focused but will be using the same format for secondary schools and there will be a separate group to share. Hannah is currently working very hard and will be sharing updates ASAP.

Michelle shared webpage and direct link to current guide but felt lots of info missing from this so needed to add more information.

This will be a resource to get you some extra help, up to date links for information etc. Michelle posted current link (Please click <a href="here">here</a>) but explained would be making better designed document and hoping to have this ready asap so will have a relaunched version. Advised Hannah currently working on finding good resources and fact sheets on outdoor learning etc.

**AK** advised that information from the Lilla Huset website was currently in the process of being transferred to the new **Learning Partnership** website which was now live and had an easily accessible link to Climate Education page: <u>Climate – Learning Partnership</u> (<u>Ibhflearningpartnership.com</u>)

Please use following new email addresses when contacting Learning Partnership: cpd@lbhflearningpartnership.com or support@lbhflearningpartnership.com

Climate education guide updates.

# Item 6. New and upcoming projects:

3 New Projects to sign up for:

### 1. Mudlarks Project run in conjunction with Urbanwise:

This will be the 3rd year of the Mudlarks project and is scheduled to start next spring. Urbanwise work with a team on developing and this is an opportunity for a number of schools to be involved.

MR posted link and small synopsis of website. <a href="http://urbanwise.london/projects/mudlarks-project/">http://urbanwise.london/projects/mudlarks-project/</a> and requested all schools interested in next project who register their interest will be contacted by Moya. Any other school that has not yet been on project, which is free, are very welcome. Please let them know ASAP

## 2. English Chamber Orchestra climate workshops at Fulham Cross Academy

- Brand new programme. Scheduled to happen next March. Paul Sherman, is very keen to work with primary and secondary schools in H&F.
- Lots of music focused on climate and ecology.
- Music that speaks to children re the climate.
- Requires children to not only be interested in music but also re theme.

Nathan Cardwell – Fulham Cross Academy: Amazing for students to be in environment and gain information re climate change/sustainability re climate change. Pupils engaged so well. Amazing performance. Amazing to sit there and hear and excellent feedback from students.

Link: <a href="https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/education-support-services/climate-education/english-chamber-orchestra-climate-workshops-fulham-cross-academy">https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/education-support-services/climate-education/english-chamber-orchestra-climate-workshops-fulham-cross-academy</a>

For music and climate theme please make contact with team.

#### 3. Children's Environmental Parliament:

Will keep schools posted re Children's environmental parliament. This was rebranded from former Children's Parliament. The programme is scheduled to run bi-borough with RBKC. And there are 5 spaces (5 classes from different schools), so if delegates would like their schools involved please sign up via Diana or Michelle.

### Item 7. AOB

**DE** requested any final comments.

**Angela Thompson-Smith** for Addison Primary School requested information re, School Travel Plan.

Action: AK advised please contact:

**Louis Oldfield** 

Smarter Transport Manager Environment Department London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Louis.Oldfield@lbhf.gov.uk

**Tabby Fraser** – Thomas's Academy: EduCCate Global.

**DE** understanding is that Keith Fernandes is holding support groups. Tabby to email Keith: keith.fernandes@lbhf.gov.uk

**DE** advised she will take forward and find out what is going on with platform and will feed back to the group.

**Gemma Potter** - Miles Coverdale Primary School - School have now finished silver accreditation. They are having trouble with platform and communication issues. Working on courses and asked delegates to do in spare time i.e. whilst WFH and when in isolation. In January the school will be allocating half an inset day and are prepared to support any of their staff who have not completed. Gemma is happy to help with anyone who needs advice. Email: gpotter5.205@lgflmail.org

## Fulham Academy Trust: EduCCate Global

Most of the staff have completed a minimum of 2 courses but some staff managed to complete more than 5 during first lockdown.

Trust has now taken on substantial amount of new staff and are looking at them taking courses on board during Spring Term.

**DE** confirmed she would Get in contact with Keith Fernandes on his return from annual leave.

Clear that we will make sure the next meeting will be the end of January and will send date out ASAP. In meantime if there are any other items, please get in contact directly: <a href="mailto:diana.edgecombe@lbhf.gov.uk">diana.edgecombe@lbhf.gov.uk</a> and all queries will be followed up

**DE** concluded meeting and thanked all, including new members, for attending. Hoping eventually to meet in person.